



## Week of Aug 27 - a

### Scripture: Mt 15:21-28

**Main Idea:** God sent Jesus to his chosen people, the Jews. God's plan was to expand the gospel message to reach all people after the resurrection (through the apostles). However, this woman, though not a Jew, had so much faith it pleased Jesus and as a result, he made an exception. How precious to God is our faith in Him.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** I'm sure that Jesus was disappointed in the disciples for their desire to have Jesus send the woman away. Do you think the disciples grew in faith by watching Jesus praise the woman's strong faith and heal her daughter?

**Grade school:** What is your favorite toy or thing that is yours? Is it precious to you? The word precious means valuable. Faith is the most valuable thing you will ever have. Why do you think our faith is so precious to God?

**Teen:** This woman had faith and humility. She was willing to accept the crumbs and knew the crumbs would be enough. Why was her answer so pleasing to Jesus? Again, we see the importance of faith. What are some things you can do to help grow your faith?

**Adult:** Would it have taken much courage to come to Jesus as a Canaanite? If you are a parent, would you have been willing to take those steps to approach Jesus like this woman did even if you weren't a Jew? Sometimes the love for a child allows us to overcome great obstacles. Why do you think this story about a 'foreigner' was included for us to know? What does it tell us about the heart of Jesus? About the heart of the woman?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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PRAY: For God to help us have greater faith in him

#### August Memory Verse:

**1 Peter 5:7 (ESV)**  
**7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.**



## Week of Aug 27 - b

### Scripture: Mt 16:13-20

**Main Idea:** Jesus asks his disciples who people were saying he was. Popular beliefs were that Jesus was John the Baptist, Elijah, or Jeremiah resurrected. Peter confessed correctly that Jesus was the son of God. That belief is at the very core of Christianity. A person's walk toward fellowship with God begins with that faith.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** There are several steps to becoming a Christian. Is it important to confess that Jesus is the son of God?

**Grade school:** Do you believe that Jesus was God's son? This is the most important belief you will ever have. It is based on faith, which means to believe in something you cannot see.

**Teen:** Jesus is the Son of God. With that and the cross, he is many things to us. If you were asked who is Jesus, what would your answer be? Can anything overpower the church that Jesus has built?

**Adult:** In the first century, the common people didn't have access to very many writings. Most didn't read themselves. What caused the people to have other views of who Jesus was? Christ or Messiah was not one of the options that the disciples mentioned. Most people in today's time recognize that Jesus the man, did truly live. However opinions of who he was (and is) are still varied. How can we help people see the truth about who Jesus was, and is?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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PRAY: For God to help us anchor to our faith in Jesus as his son and our savior

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